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Rev. Donald E. Wildmon
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Dear Rev. Wildmon:

Recently while scanning the American Family Association (AFA) website I was shocked to read that it contained the following statement: *"Evidently many of those working in the White House and some congressmen don't have to pay taxes."*¹

This statement may have been the mistake of one of your employees. I know it to be false, and since it is false, I am asking that it be removed.

I am bringing this matter to your attention because this statement is listed on the AFA website as *"A Personal Note From Donald E. Wildmon."* The headline urges your readers to *"Take a stand against never ending tax increases, runaway spending and moral decay."* The subtext of your note further urges those reading the statement to *"forward this important message to friends and family!"*

As you know, your organization is held in high esteem by a lot of people across the country. The statements posted to your website or those AFA broadcasts or publishes are accepted by a great number of people as fact. The truth is that there is no factual basis for this statement.

The fact is members of Congress are compensated well—with a \$174,000 annual salary. As a result, congressmen are in the highest income tax bracket and have the maximum amount deducted from their paychecks for Social Security and Medicare.

In closing, while the nature in which this matter is presented on the AFA website is inflammatory, I do not believe that you have intended to purposely mislead or bear false witness to anyone. However, because this statement is false, I do respectfully request that it immediately be removed.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter directly with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


GENE TAYLOR
Member of Congress

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¹ Source: AFA Website - http://www.afa.net/teapartyday_20090521.html



AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

A Personal Note From Donald E. Wildmon

Please forward this important message to friends and family!



Take a stand against never ending tax increases, runaway spending and moral decay

May 22, 2009

[Help Us Grow](#)

Tired of Washington taxing everything except the air you breathe?

Tired of Washington running up trillions of dollars in debt for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to pay? Tired of never ending tax increases? Such spending and taxing is immoral!

Send a message to the president and congress that you have had enough. Join the TEA Party. The TEA Party isn't a political party. It is a movement to stop the irresponsible taxing and spending by our government and to stop the moral decay in our country.

Let others know where you stand. Wear the "[We are TEA'D](#)" TEA shirt wherever you go. Let others see that you are Taxed Enough Already (TEA)! Then wear it to your local TEA Party rally on July 4th.

Put the "We are TEA'D" sticker on your bumper or back window. Get a "We are TEA'D" button for yourself and your friends. **Evidently many of those working in the White House and some congressmen don't have to pay taxes.** You know, they forgot. But you better not forget to pay yours!



[Take a stand. Wear your TEA shirt proudly.](#) Let others know you are ready to take a stand against ever increasing taxes, runaway spending and the moral decay.

[Order now.](#) Orders normally shipped in two days. They will be shipped well in advance of the next TEA Party rally on July 4.

- 1 – 4 TEA shirts \$12 each
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- 10 or more TEA shirts \$10 each

Click on button, sticker or TEA shirt, or [here to order.](#)

All orders include shipping.

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